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FOR SEELYE FROM ROGERS

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS FROM THE SECRETARY.
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR CONGRESSMAN: I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE CONVENING A BLACK LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 24-25.

BY THEN YOU WILL HAVE BEFORE YOU THE RESPONSE OF THE SALISBURY AUTHORITIES TO THE PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE BEEN PUT BEFORE THEM , BASED ON THE INIATIVES OF PRIMEMINISTER CALLAGHAN AND THE IDEAS OF THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS, FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE FHODESIAN CRISIS.

AS YOU KNOW, THE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO INSURE THAT AFRICA FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF AFRICA. WE HAVE NO ASPIRATIONS FOR SPECIAL ADVANTAGE OR PRIVELEGE IN AFRICA. WE COMMITTED THE POWER AND PRESTIGE OF THE UNITED STATES ONLY TO BREAK THE ONIMOUS STALEMATE WHICH HAS ARIISEN IN RHODESIA, AND TO OPEN THE WAY FOR THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED TO FASHION A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CRISIS, ONE WHICH REFLECTS THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF AFRICA ITSELF, RATHER THAN THE PERSONAL OR IDEOLOGICAL PREDILECTIONS OF OTHERS.

AT THE HEART OF THE MATTER IS THE INSTALLATION. AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT WITH A BLACK FIRST MINISTER AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF RHODESIA, A SERIOUS AND BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE

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BLACK REPRESENTATION AT THE MINISTERAIL LEVER.

THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PROCESS IS NOW PRIMARILY IN AFRICAN HANDS. WE AND THE BRITISH CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND WE WILL DO THIS WITHOUT STINT. BUT IT IS UP TO AFRICA TO EXPLOIT THE OPPORTUNITIES NOW OPEN TO IT.

AS TO NAMIBIA, WE THINK THAT WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFVVICANT PROGRESS. OUR EFFORTS THERE HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO BRINGING THE PARTIES MIST INTIMATELY ENGAGED TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE, AND TO GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNOMTY TO MAKE I BINDING DECISIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY. IL OUR JUDGEMENT, THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, IN A WAY ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 3IT .

FINALLY , AS TO SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF, WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT THAT WE CAN OFFER NO QUUID PRO QUO FOR WHATEVER COOPERATION SOUTH AFRICA MAY OFFER IN RESPECT OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

I SET FOR TH THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO APARTHEID IN MY ADDRESS IN PHILADELPHIA. I HAVE MADE CLEAR THROUGHOUT MY MOST RECENT VISIT THAT MU PHILADELPHIA STATEMENT STANDS, AND THAT WE CAN OFFER NO COMPROMISE TO IT.

FINALLY, LET ME SAY THA I HAVE BEEN GRATEFUL FOR YOUR INTEREST AND UNDERSTANDING. AS YOU KNOW, I WILL VE IN NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR MUCH OF THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, BUT BILL ROGERS AND OTHERS WHO WERE WITH ME DURING THE RECENT VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA STAND READY TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY THEY CAN. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE AMERUCAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND OUR PURPOSES OR OUR GOALS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND TO THAT END THE DEPARTMENT OFFERS ITS COMPLETE COOPERATION. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT KISSINGER

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